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25X1 1. [] Delivered to Robert Smart, House Armed
25X1 Services Committee, original and one copy of the letter signed by the
General Counsel concerning [] Mr. Smart did not read
it at this time and will advise if he needs anything further.

25X1 2. [] Met with Representative Charles E.
Bennett to discuss with him the problems raised in his letter to the
Department of State and CIA dated 13 May 1960. He wished to discuss
the international law aspects of the U-2 case and some of the "untrue"
press statements. I believe at the completion of the interview he was
satisfied with the information furnished and will not push the matter
further. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 3. [] Met with Bob Smart, House Armed Services
Committee, and briefed him, to pass on to Representative Kilday, of
CIA efforts to assist Mrs. Powers regarding the question of counsel.
In addition, I indicated some of the aspects of international law which
are applicable and could be urged in Powers' defense. Requesting him
to keep it most closely except for Mr. Kilday, I mentioned the forthcoming
article in the NEW YORK TIMES on this general subject. Mr. Smart was
most interested in all of this and felt Mr. Kilday would be also.

Subsequently, I went through the same briefing with William Darden,
Senate Armed Services Committee, for him to pass on to Senator Russell.
He also felt the Senator would be interested.

25X1 4. [] Richard Arens, Staff Director of HCUA,
called with what he termed a "pre forma" request. He said the Chairman
(Congressman Francis E. Walter) had in his office a columnist who is
doing a spy story for a magazine. Chairman Walter wondered if he could
put this writer in touch with [] Arens was advised
that while we wanted to cooperate with the Committee in every way, there
were problems involved in such a meeting which were practically insur-
mountable. Arens said he understood and did not wish to press the matter.

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